

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 737

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gina M. Crumbliss on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Gina M. Crumbliss is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, a 1996 graduate of Leadership Chattanooga, Gina Crumbliss has served in numerous leadership roles throughout her career in the banking industry, including branch management and executive management as a senior vice president and private banking executive for FirstBank of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crumbliss is a lifelong community volunteer with extensive leadership experience serving on several boards and committees for children's causes, civic groups, and disease-centric organizations; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Mrs. Crumbliss has led the Greater Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce's training and membership drive for three years, served as director of development at the Ronald McDonald House in Chattanooga from 2005 to 2008, and served as a board member and chairperson of multiple committees for the Rotary

Club of Chattanooga, Hamilton Place, which she currently serves as its third female president in twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, her most recent leadership roles in volunteer work include co-chairing the ALS Everyday Heroes gala for 2013 and 2014 with her husband and assisting in the transition to a new gala chairman; during their tenure, the organization raised more than \$647 million over a three-year period. Additionally, the Crumblisses have also chaired the Chattanooga Zoo's Banana Ball gala committee from 2012 to 2015, raising \$455 million; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Gina Crumbliss served on the American Heart Association's Executive Leadership Team for the Heart Walk and worked with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to promote the *Go Mocs Club!* and support the school's athletic program; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her dedication to community service, Mrs. Crumbliss was honored as the Philanthropist of the Year during her tenure with Bank of America; and

WHEREAS, Gina Crumbliss is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, J. Clay Crumbliss, and their children, Clay Crumbliss, Jr., and Brooke McCants; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mrs. Crumbliss takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Gina Crumbliss who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gina M. Crumbliss on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.